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Preface

To the Members and Friends of the U. B. of A.—Greeting:

You should have been to Archer to listen to the last subject of our Proclamation of 1915, written and read by three of our most noted thinkers, to-wit:

1. Mrs. Cassie E. Sapp, of Sylvania, Ga.

2. Mrs. Lottie L. Nelson, of Carrabelle, Fla.

3. Rev. L. W. Crivillian, of Blichton, Fla.

You would have learned more about the Band in one hour than otherwise in twelve months.

These essays I am sending out for your information. The price per copy is ten (10) cents. BUY AND READ, for it contains a resolution by General Secretary G. M. Mills on the death of Booker T. Washington.

A. B. DUDLEY,

General Superintendent.

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Subject: "What set of Colored People are being benefited by the operation of the United Band of America?"

Gen. Superintendent, Members of this Convention — Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a very important subject.

We can truthfully say that the whole family of the negro race are helped by the operation of the United Band. Let us consider Unity, what it is to be united. In unity there is strength, so if we are united we are strong and well fortified. And, General Superintendent, there lies the deep secret of the United Band of America.

When Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, and even North Carolina, united their dimes and fifteen cents, what an increased sum.

Therefore, the U. B. of A. can live and do much good because of its great system. What set of colored people are being benefited by the operation of the United Band of America?

I believe you all will agree with me when I say the whole family of the Negro race. Yet I must say, while the whole human family are being helped, the old and poor are receiving great help, because of the meager sum you pay to become a member and the small sum you pay per month for burial purposes and sick benefit. There are other Societies that carry from two to five hundred dollars. But think of the endowment you pay. Think of so many negroes who are not able to pay 50c, 75c, or perhaps $1.00 per month. Then the masses of the negroes are left out. But think of the Band. She stands with her doors open, saying, "Come unto me and you find help, rest and comfort."

This is what Jesus is doing.

Are you poor? Are you blind? Are you weary? Are you a sinner? Come and we will point you to Jesus. We will help you when in poverty, and when in distress we will relieve you.

Regardless of your standing, come and we will give you 60 days to reform. And we can say several have reformed and are living witnesses, proving to the world that the U. B. of A. is following in the footsteps of the Savior.

Again I repeat that the whole human family of the negro race are being helped by the operation of the United Band of America. Even in the Educational sphere, the U. B. of A. is playing a great part. In character building, she is being recognized and felt.

In Christianity, there is no other Society stands for Christianity and is doing the real work as the U. B. of A. Think of her great motto: "Uprightness to all." This in itself represents the Church of God, because He said, "Love your enemies," do good to all.

General Superintendent, may the Heavenly benediction ever rest upon you. May the God of Heaven ever smile upon you. When Jordan's waves cease to roll, when the U. B. of A. ceases its work, may the pearly gates stand ajar and bid you welcome. When the U. B. of A. shall join that innumerable host of the re-

deemed, then and not until then, will we fully understand the operation of the U. B. of A., and we will better see what set of colored people was benefited by the operation of the U. B. of A. For we all will understand it better because the mists will be rolled away.

CASSIE E. SAPP.

Archer, Fla., Nov. 26, 1915.

To Our Honored and Worthy Superintendent, Delegates, Members, Friends, and Visitors of the U. B. of A. Greeting:

Today we are convened here in convention of our beloved United Band of America.

It is with profound pleasure to me to stand within your midst, before this maginficent assembly —some of us, perhaps, for the first time in the history of our lives— to read a paper on this most important subject:

"What set of Colored People are

being benefited by the operation of the United Band of America?"

It is with no small degree of pride that I stand as your host on this occasion, selecting, as my thoughts have convinced me, that the female set of our band are being benefited most, for several reasons, some of which I will try to explain as my weak thoughts and mind serve me. Let us note that our bands help our widows as long as they are in good standing and living a temperate life. It is for the uplifting of fallen humanity, and Christianity. It is also to bring our females to a higher degree and to live a Christian life. The Band is to our female sect what our Missionary Societies are to our churches, our communities. The female sect of the United Band of America are forever indebted. Without the active support of the band, we would have fallen time and again, but the Band has stood by us cheerfully, hopefully, undaunted and helpful, a veritable power in itself to be held in undying regard and appreciation for what they have done. The Band helps the female sect in all lines of social

activity, also personal lives. Their faces are our encouragements to greater efforts. Let us think: The Band helps our female sect to rear their children along the line of Christian education; it opposes intemperance, which is the greatest evil of our day. The colored race is groaning under the heavy burden caused by intemperance. Our Band has a Juvenile Department for our children, which, if mothers will persuade and make their children attend, they will be benefited. Some may ask as you have asked, "Why do you say the Band benefits our female sect most?" Because its mission is to help up fallen humanity, especially our women, raise them from an immoral state to a higher plane, of which it is our whole duty to live as best we can, always looking up. Note our doctrine to our sect of females, the practice of the Golden Rule, living examples of moral rectitude, discouraging worldliness, because these acts hinder the progress of Christ's Kingdom. It teaches them the sacredness of matrimony.

Now in my conclusion. Let us, as Christians and members of the U. B. of A., stand for the upbuilding of our women in the future as we have in the past, taking as our corner stones the rocks of Christian love and brotherhood, which, in their very aim and spirit, cannot but show to the world their true duty and relation to one another. I earnestly join in accord to both the plan and object of this magnificent assembly and beg to express my thanks to one and all for their attention, also our brethren who are present to represent the interest thought to be peculiar to our band and members. May God bless us all till we meet again.

Yours for the cause of fallen humanity, and Christian religion,

LOTTIE L. NELSON.

Archer, Fla., Nov. 26, 1915.

Whereas, This Convention is aware of the deep sorrow and regret this country is now in, caused by the death of our noted educator and advocate of the higher ideals

of citizenship, in the person of Dr. Booker T. Washington; and,

Whereas, His life and efforts did much to advance the cause of civilization and to uplift the race, just as the U. B. of A. holds out to the race; Be it

Resolved, That as an evidence of the esteem in which the people of the South held him, That this Convention hereby express its sorrow at the loss of the noble chieftain by offering this resolution as our sympathy; and be it

Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this convention, and a copy be suitably engrossed by our chief Secretary and forwarded to his family.

(Signed) G. M. MILLS,

Subject: "What Set of Colored People are being benefited by the operation of the United Band of America?"

Mr. Superintendent and Members, Delegates and Friends:

This subject is of vital impor-

tance for your humble servant to write upon.

I find that three distinct elements or characters involve the Negro race that came up out of Egypt, or bondage, fifty years ago, without shelter, raiment or food, is destined among all other nations an important factor, and yet the first part of the colored people that the U. B. of A. benefited is those in distress for physical need and help during ills and sickness, pain and death. Of such persons we find the United Band of America readily coming to their relief, whether he or she lives in a tent or a cottage or some great structure of mechanical skill. Furthermore, the distress in this low ground of sorrow is tossed and driven by the restless sea of time, having no continuing city, but seeks one to come.

Second, orphans. The poor orphan boys and girls are brought into the fold of the U. B. of A. and are given every opportunity that princes would enjoy. They receive shelter, food, clothing, education, and many are brought to Christ through charitableness and

the preaching of the Gospel. The Psalmist says, "When my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will take me in." Jesus Christ's specifiic purpose to earth was to seek and save that which was lost, rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying. I find that the great mission of the U. B. of A., operated by the General Superintendent— Rev. A. B. Dudley—and controlled by Boards of Managers, is a mighty present help in such characters. This is religion.

Third, widows. Think of poor widows that have lost their husband and have no redress possible. A few friends living in a city or community where protection is limited, the care of children is burdensome, odds and ends are against them. We find that to join this noble and grand institution it is destined to help them and provide ways they know not of. The General Epistle of James, first chapter, verses 25 and 27, says: "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of works, this man shall be blessed in his deed." Is not this man Rev.

A. B. Dudley? Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Yours in His name,

L. W. CRIVILLEAR, D. D.